Rockford Ills Box 1502
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My dear Mr Watson

Recalling the appreciative interest you took in the California Missions at the time I was pottering over them - and how much I benefitted by your criticisms I venture to submit the enclosed, intended for publication in Couture's Gazette -

Again and again I have gone over the views presented - putting myself in the attitude of a critic bound to blow the whole thing up if a big mistake could be detected. only to feel satisfied that I was fully sustained by facts - Still to err is human - and I don't want to risk making a big blunder when a little prudent consultation with conservative friends might save me.

Kindest regards to Dr Gray
whom I can imagine full of
work and good spirits as I ever
found him ~~in~~

Very truly yours
M L Bethe

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